

INTERESTING TALK ON CONDITIONS IN KUKONG: Y'S MEN'S CLUB TIFFIN MEETING

Model Village To Be Built To Relieve Housing Problem

AN INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF CONDITIONS IN KUKONG AND THAT REGION IN NORTH KWANGTUNG was given yesterday at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong's Y's Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel by Mr. E. H. Lockwood, General Secretary of the Canton Y.M.C.A.

Kukong, a town formerly known as Shihkuwan and Shiuchoow, may be reached from Hongkong by three different routes, Mr. Lockwood said. The first of these is by plane to Kweiwei and from there by train to Shihkuwan. The second way is by plane to Nam Hang and from there by motor-road to Shihkuwan. The third route is the East River route through Sha-U-Chung.

People who have travelled the third route, the speaker said, have many interesting stories to tell. It has been estimated that if all the coolies using the road at the same time were made to stand in line, each man touching the shoulder of the one before him, the whole line would stretch from Tamshui to Sha-U-Chung.

Rates of pay enjoyed by the coolies were about the highest he knew of in China and they were making the most of the good time. Perhaps for the first time too in the history of China, chair coolies were being victimized by robbers and had wordly possessions coveted by the brigands.

EXCITING TALES

Travellers, on the road, when they met, had always exciting tales to tell one another and gatherings in rest houses en route could be compared with those of travellers in inns in mediaeval times. Exciting things seemed to happen to everyone, though thousands must have made the journey without an incident of any kind.

He had a story to tell himself, Mr. Lockwood said, and it concerned a trip by motor-road from Lungchui to Shihkuwan. After having negotiated a long series of hazardous bends in the road, he had changed cars, and the news reached him shortly afterwards that not long after he had got out of the car that had done the more dangerous part of the route, it had gone off the road into a paddy field, with all passengers. If the steering gear had failed only a little earlier, the car may have gone over the side of the road and plunged into deep ravines.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Kukong was a region of beauty. It had been little bigger than a small village until the war had given it importance. Its suburbs were growing very rapidly and there were always more people in town than all the housing accommodation could hold. Many people had grown used to living in boats and rented these in the river.

It was said that in Kweiwei it was easier to get a job than to rent a house and easier to find a wife than a servant, and this was even more true of Kukong. The Government only recently rented a house there known as the Fu Lai Hse to serve as a hostel for visitors and the Y.M.C.A. were also renting two houses for people passing through.

SPRIT OF COMRADESHIP

He had never lived in a place, Mr. Lockwood said, where the people were so friendly. Most of the residents were new people to the town and many of them had come up from Canton. A strong spirit of comradeship prevailed and people who had only been casual ac-

BADMINTON LEAGUE FIXTURES

The Badminton League will make a start next Monday with a match between University "B" and Recreio in the "A" Division.

The following are the fixtures for the season:

"A" DIVISION

Dec. 9 University "B" v. Recreio. 16 Chinese Y. v. University "A." 23 Univ. "B" v. Chinese Y.

Jan. 6 Recreio v. Univ. "A."

13 Univ. "A" v. Univ. "B" Chinese Y. v. Recreio.

20 Recreio v. Univ. "B."

Feb. 3 Univ. "A" v. Chinese Y.

10 Chinese Y. v. Univ. "B"

17 Univ. "A" v. Recreio.

24 Univ. "B" v. Univ. "A" Recreio v. Chinese Y.

"B" DIVISION

Dec. 11 V.R.C. v. King's College Chung Wah v. Recreio, K.C.C. v. Police, Kowloon Tong v. St. Andrew's.

18 J.R.C. v. King's College, V.R.C. v. Chung Wah, St. John's v. Police, K.C.C. v. K. Tong.

Jan. 9 Recreio v. J.R.C. King's College v. Chung Wah, St. John's v. St. Andrew's. Police v. K. Tong.

16 J.R.C. v. Chung Wah, Recreio v. V.R.C., K. Tong v. St. John's, St. Andrew's v. K.C.C.

23 J.R.C. v. Recreio, Recreio v. King's College, St. John's v. K.C.C., St. Andrew's v. Police.

Feb. 5 King's College v. V.R.C., Recreio v. Chung Wah, Police v. K.C.C., St. Andrew's v. K. Tong.

12 King's College v. J.R.C., Chung Wah v. V.R.C., Police v. St. John's, K. Tong v. K.C.C.

19 J.R.C. v. Recreio, Chung Wah v. King's College, St. Andrew's v. St. John's, K. Tong v. Police.

26 Chung Wah v. J.R.C., V.R.C. v. Recreio, St. John's v. K. Tong, K.C.C. v. St. Andrew's.

March 5 V.R.C. v. J.R.C., King's College v. Recreio, K.C.C. v. St. John's Police v. St. Andrew's.

The "B" Division is divided into two sections, and the first two matches on each of the above dates are in the "A" section, and the last two in "B."

EXHIBITION MATCHES

To stimulate interest among members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for the coming season, exhibition badminton matches were given by P. H. Wong, Colony champion, and C. Au, co-doubles champion, at the "Y" court at Bridges Street last night.

In the first singles match Lau beat Young by 15 points to 11. The second singles game, the "tit-bit" of the evening, saw Wong beat his team mate C. Au by a similar score. The programme was rounded off with a doubles exhibition in which Au, partnered by H. Ko, beat F. Ko and T. Wong by 21-13.

In all the matches quite a high standard was seen and a very successful season is promised the Chinese "Y" if last night's exhibition is any criterion.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY:

BILLIARDS. — Garrison League, Signals v. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A.; Fortress Coy. I.E. v. Pay Corps; Ordnance Corps v. Military Police; Royal Scots v. Service Corps.

TOMORROW:

CRICKET. — Senior Friends, Civil Service v. Kowloon C.C.; Junior Friends, Indian R.C. v. Police R.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service.

FOOTBALL. — First Division:

South China v. R. Scots (Caroline Hill); St. Joseph's v. Kowloon (St. Joseph's); Kwong Wah v. Club (Boundary Street), 4 p.m.

Second Division: South China v. 30th R.A. (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.; Middlesex v. Kowloon (Kowloon), 2.30 p.m.

Kwong Wah v. Kitchee (Boundary Street), 2.30 p.m.; Ordinance v. Service Corps (Military), 2.30 p.m.; Sing Tao v. R. Scots (Military), 4 p.m.

Third Division: International v. Afr. Forces (St. Joseph's), 2.30 p.m.; 35th R.A. v. Signals (Stanley), 4 p.m.; Shell v. 12th R.A. (Kowloon), 4 p.m.; Medicals v. 20th R.A. (Chatham Road), 2.30 p.m.; 36th R.A. v. 7th R.A. (Bookendoo), 2.30 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS. — St. George's

Entries For Thirteenth Extra Meet

The following are the entries for the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, Dec. 14:

1-2 P.M.—Queensland Autumn Championships: Winner \$1,000, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies of any season that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1940. Winners at Extra Meetings of this Club since 1940 only.

2-Last Chance Handicap: Winner \$400, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

NOTE.—Entries to be nominated on the day of the race, i.e. Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

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3-Dilatory Handicap: Winner \$300, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "B" Class, that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

4-Great Time, Blue Field, Dawn Star, Emergency Unit, Eve of Hunting, Jane Doe, Just In Time, Lovely Star, Potentate, Rob Roy, Royal Wedding Eve, Scene View, Silver Wings, Taxing Master.

5-Lagards' Handicap: Winner \$300, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class, that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

6-Tardy Handicap: Winner \$300, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For China Ponies, "B" Class, that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

7-Lingerers' Handicap: Winner \$300, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "D" Class, that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

8-Old Timer Handicap: Winner \$300, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For China Ponies, "D" Class, that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred.

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S.C.A.A. TRACK, FIELD MEET: MANY ENTRIES

The 18th Track and Field Meet of the South China Athletic Association, to be held on Dec. 25, and New Year's Day, at Caroline Hill, have attracted a large number of entries from

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RECITAL BY HARRY ORE FROM THE STUDIO

Orchestra Quartet

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

You Gave Me The First Kiss; In the Cafe with the Glittering Mirrors

[Karpath]; Out in The Puzzle I

Plough and Sow; It's A Great City

[Budapest]; Serenade; Bihari Waltzes [Bihari]. There Are Unkissed Lips;

White and Red Roses (Bela).

12.45 Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.

The Great Waltz—Selection, Roses

in December (Alm's Life of the Party); Rossini (from the film).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Songs by Turner Layton at the Piano.

Alone Again (Harry Woods); A Rendezvous with a Dream (film Portray). I Want the Whole World to Love You (Bryan and Marks).

1.15 Nat Gonella and His Geograms.

Fox-Trot—The Dipsy Doodle; Jubilee (film Every Day's a Holiday).

Quickstep—Get Hot; Slow Fox-Trot— Makin' A Fool of Myself. Fox-Trots—Coona Goo; Big Chief 'Swing It' (film The Joy Parade).

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Grieg.

In The Boat, Op. 60, No. 3—Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) with Piano. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 2, Op. 55—New Light Symphony Orchestra. I Love Thee—Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra. Solitary Traveller, Op. 43, No. 2; Brooklet, Op. 62, No. 4—Eileen Joyce (Piano).

2.15 Close down.

6.30 Closing: Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—The Singing Hills; I've Got My Eyes On You (film Broad-

way Melody of 1940)—Joe Loss and His Orchestra. Quickstep—You gorgeous dancing doll; Slow Fox-Trot—When June comes—Mantovani & His Music for Dancing. Fox-Trots—I Wouldn't Take A Million (film Young People); Looking for Yesterday—Tommy Dorsey and His Orch. Fox-Trot—Wotcher Me Old Cock Sparer; Waltz—Don't Ever Pass Me By—Jack

Payne and His Band. Fox-Trot—The Day We Meet Again—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.15 Drama — Quartet in A Flat Major, Op. 105.

Prague String Quartet.

8.30 Studio — Piano Recital by Harry Ore.

1. Sonata No. 3 in F Sharp Minor, Op. 23 (Scriabin)—1st Mov: Dramatico; 2nd Mov: Allegro; 3rd Mov: Andante; 4th Mov: Presto con fuoco.

2. (a) Cradle Song (Tchaikovsky); (b) Polonaise (Tchaikovsky).

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: Books and People.

9.45 Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 2 in G Minor, Op. 15.

1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Adagio sostenuto; 3rd Mov: Allegro scherzando — Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano); and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond by Leopold Stokowski.

10.15 Three Songs by The Schipper (Tenor).

O Del Mio Amato Ben (Donaudy).

Oh, How Can't I Forget (Barthelemy): Napulitanita (Costa).

10.30 Half an hour of Spanish Music.

Spanish Dance (Granados-Kreisler).

—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano. Un Barcarillo Alegre (Media-Aquino-Pudo); Sentir Gitano (Morodo-Aquinu-Munoz Arenillas); Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra. Festival in Seville (Albeniz); Philadelphia Symphony Orch. conducted by Leopold Stokowski. If I could forget Your Eyes (Albeniz); Eres Tu (Sandova)—Benjamin Gagli (Tenor) with Orchestra. Romania Aduliza (Spanish Dance), Op. 22 (Sarasate)—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano.

11.00 Close down.

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- 34 The cuckoo
- 35 Walk through water
- 36 Epochs
- 37 Carry
- 39 Lance of King Arthur
- 40 Fasten
- 42 Fashion
- 44 Harden
- 46 Mountain range in Russia
- 48 The June-bug
- 49 Fix a boundary
- 54 Cyprinoid fish
- 55 Give forth
- 56 Man's name
- 57 Spread loosely for drying

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- 3 Lacquer
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- 7 Girl's name
- 8 Above
- 9 Go into
- 10 Pertaining to a century
- 11 Sheltered side
- 12 Manner
- 13 Lease
- 14 Again
- 15 Articles of merchandise
- 17 Roman highway
- 18 Adulterated
- 20 Mohammedan prince
- 21 Engine of torture
- 22 Collection of literary scraps
- 23 Former Russian Ruler
- 24 Yielded
- 25 Chinese money of account
- 26 Prepare for publication
- 27 Swelling
- 28 In the midst of
- 29 Tardy
- 30 Ostrich-like bird
- 31 Beverage
- 32 Convert into leather
- 33 Delirium induced
- 34 Finish

SOLUTION TOMORROW

COMING EVENTS

DEC.

6-Tides: High 12.30 a.m. and 4.20 p.m. Low 6.11 a.m. and 7.46 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.50 a.m.; Sunset: 5.39 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.) Govt. House 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Cheerio Club, Darts and Table Tennis Concert, 8 p.m.

Official Dinner at Govt. House for Sir Johnathan and Commodore A.C. Collinson, 8.15 p.m.

Crown Lands Sale, D.O. South, 11 a.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Lecture on First Aid, St. John's Place, 8.30 p.m.

Y.W.C.A. Sale of Toys, National Bank Bldg., 1 p.m.—5 p.m.

7-Tides: High 12.30 a.m. and 4.15 p.m. Low 6.23 a.m. and 5.58 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.50 a.m.; Sunset: 5.39 p.m.

Christ Church Annual Bazaar.

Annual Lawn Bowls Match—St. George's Society v St. Andrew's Society, K.B.C.G., 12.30 p.m.

Charity Soccer, Kwong Wah v. H.K. F.C. (1st Div.).

Concert at K.O.C. by Band of Royal Scots, 9.15 p.m.

H.K. Polo Club, K.O.V.L. Cup Final—

H.K. Football Referees' Assn. Annual Dinner, Hotel Cecil, 8 p.m.

Yenching Alumni Dinner Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

St. Stephen's Girls' College, Sale of Work, 11 a.m.—3 p.m.; Chinese Play, 7.30 p.m.

H.E. the Acting Governor to Entertain Boy Scouts at Mountain Lodge, 3—5 p.m.

Y.W.C.A. Sale of Toys, National Bank Bldg., 1 p.m.—8 p.m.

8-Tides: High 1.04 a.m. and 5.55 p.m. Low 1.16 a.m. and 11.40 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.51 a.m.; Sunset: 5.39 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championship—First and Second Rounds.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Macao Jockey Club's December Meeting...

9-Tides: High 4.50 a.m. and 6.28 p.m. Low 11.04 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.38 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

H.K. Society for Protection of Children, Annual Meeting, Helena May Inst., 5.30 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Women's War Work, 9 a.m.—12 noon; Swimming and Swimming Instruction; Billiards Match, 7.30 p.m.

H.K. University Arts Assn. Speech Competition, 8.30 p.m.

Evacuation Representative Committee Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 5.15 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton & Swimming, 6 p.m.—8 p.m.

11-Tides: High 7.25 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Low 1.25 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.

Ying Wah Alumni O.B.A. Reunion Dinner, Org. Lok Yuen, Des Voeux Road.

Badminton League starts:

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Kowloon Chess Club, Annual Dinner, 8 p.m.

King's College Prize Day, 11 a.m.

H.K.F.A. Council Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Women's War Work, 9 a.m.—12 noon; Swimming and Swimming Instruction; Chess Night, 6 p.m.—11 p.m.

12-Tides: High 8.20 a.m. and 7.36 p.m. Low 2.06 a.m. and 1.07 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.

H.K. Y.M.C.A. Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Squash, 6 p.m.—11 p.m.



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NAZI OIL SUPPLIES CHIEF OBJECTIVE OF THE R.A.F.

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — If Germany runs short of oil she must stop fighting. It is with this belief uppermost in mind that the R.A.F. have shaped their operations. And the R.A.F. know a trick worth two of bombing oil wells. What this trick is was explained; among other things, by the Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. Hugh Dalton, at the Press conference yesterday.

The British blockade, said Mr. Dalton, is working well and the enemy are growing uncomfortably short of certain commodities. Oil, rubber and copper, looted by Germany from occupied territories, are now exhausted, and Germany is back where she was six months ago.

The safety margin of oil in Germany has not yet been touched, but she is using more oil than she is producing as a result of R.A.F. attacks on supplies, storage and the transport system, and the disappointing supplies received from Russia.

HEAD OF LIST

He recommended targets in Germany to the Air Ministry and he always kept oil near the head of the list.

In Italy, Bari had always been the R.A.F.'s number one target; it's economically more important than Milan or Turin as the most important oil stocks in Italy are kept there.

Speaking of the difficulty of transporting the Humanitas oil surplus to Germany, Mr. Dalton said that as crude oil was not very inflammable it was sometimes suggested bombing the Romanian wells. Rather wait until Germany had spent labour and time forming and transporting it, and then bomb it.

ITALIAN SHORTAGE

Italy would feel the pinch even before Germany, said Mr. Dalton, because she had no synthetic oil plant and there was little doubt that her supplies were growing short, and she had to get replenishment from Germany.

Mr. Dalton would like to see an increasing mobilisation of reserves of United States production set aside for Britain and her Allies, and added "there have been exchanges of views with the United States on the matter."

GERMAN TOWNS BOMBED

EXPLOSIONS, FIRES OBSERVED

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — Mannheim and Ludwigshafen which were linked across the Rhine by a most important bridge which was used by rail and foot traffic, were attacked by British bombers on Tuesday night, despite unfavourable weather conditions.

In both towns, fires and explosions were observed.

The R.A.F. also attacked a blast furnace plant at Essen, while

PRINTERS HOAX WANG

CHUNGKING, Dec. 5 (Central) — The gambling house advertisement in yesterday's issue of the Central China Daily News, Wang Ching-wei's mouthpiece in Shanghai, containing the slogan "Down with the Traitor, Wang Chin-wei" is believed to be a piece of subtle sabotage by the printers, says a Shanghai dispatch.

The editorial did not discover the joke until they were informed by outsiders in the afternoon. When an investigation was made, they found all the printers had disappeared.

No British Recognition For Nanking "Government"

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — Mr. Morgan can rest assured that His Majesty's Government will maintain close contact with the United States Government in all matters of common interest.

This was Mr. R.A. Butler's reply to Mr. Morgan's query cabled yesterday inviting a joint Anglo-American declaration in opposition to the so-called new order which Japan is trying to introduce in China and the whole Pacific.

Replying to Mr. Gower's question inviting a statement on Britain's policy towards the Nanking "Government," Mr. Butler said: "His Majesty's Government has repeatedly made known its attitude which is to recognise the National Government of Chungking as the Government of China."

other formations bombed Dunkirk, an invasion port.

Daytime attacks were made on aerodromes in German occupied northern France yesterday.

One British plane is missing.

AFRICAN OPERATIONS

CAIRO, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — It was announced here yesterday that in British air operations in Italian East Africa, Kassala was heavily raided.

Bombs were dropped on enemy fortified positions and a motor transport and park were strafed.

British aircraft also machine-gunned a transport and enemy personnel.

The R.A.F. also attacked a blast furnace plant at Essen, while

GENERAL

SENSATIONAL CHANGES IN WESTERN EUROPE ARE FORECAST

NEW BERLIN-PARIS AXIS?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — Private reports from Europe, forecasting sensational changes in Western Europe and the Mediterranean in the near future, are being eagerly discussed by some of the better informed diplomatic sources in Washington.

The reports declare that the internal situation in Italy is rapidly deteriorating and there is much dissatisfaction among the people but it is not yet crystallised because the opposition to the regime is still without a leader and, in addition, there has been a number of executions of dissident elements.

A friction is also reported between Signor Mussolini and Marshal Graziani and it is stated that he has twice refused to obey orders to attack on the Egyptian front until reinforcements of men and material have reached him and these apparently cannot be sent.

As a result of these developments, together with the Italian reversal in Alfaia and the refusal of the Italian Fleet to meet the British Navy, it is reported that Berlin now considers Italy's usefulness as a partner almost irreparably damaged.

BERLIN-PARIS AXIS?

It is believed here that Herr Hitler is seeking nothing less than a new Axis between Berlin and Paris and M. Laval's midday visit in Berlin is connected with this project.

In support of these reports, the well-informed weekly paper, Foreign Correspondence, says it is believed that Laval is willing to give his backing to the project if the rewards to France are sufficiently inviting.

Diplomatic sources state reports from Europe indicate that Hitler finds Mussolini unreliable and troublesome and he would therefore find the remains of the French Fleet, plus the French Mediterranean bases, more useful against Britain than any contribution Signor Mussolini has yet made or likely to make and he consequently allowed M. Laval to understand that a handsome the Hitler plan.

TERRIFIC NAZI AIR LOSSES

British A.A. Gunners Take Heavy Toll

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) —

In 14 months of the war, Britain and her allies have accounted for over 6,000 enemy planes not including "possibles" or "probables." To date British anti-aircraft gunners have shot down over 400 enemy planes over Britain, 300 by day and over 100 by night. British losses over Britain total 850 planes or more than a 3-to-1 victory. Better still, 415 pilots were saved to fly again, a victory of 7.1/2-to-1.

Hitler's worst months were August when 1,094 enemy planes were brought down and September when 1,071 German planes were shot out of the sky.

YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITY

Enemy activity over Britain yesterday was very slight. Shortly after midday, according to an Air Ministry communiqué, bombs were dropped on Dover doing some damage but causing few casualties.

One enemy bomber was shot down over the Dutch coast by British fighters without loss to themselves.

U.S. BUILT PLANES

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — It is revealed that an American built aircraft took the photographs of the damaged Italian warships at Taranto and the R.A.F. are enthusiastic over the performance of the American aircraft they are now using.

They have fought their way successfully through many operations, particularly in the Middle East.

The R.A.F. have come to regard with real affection the Lockheed Hudsons which are proving such valuable aid to Britain's Coastal Command and which have taken part in hundreds of bombing raids from Norway to the Bay of Biscay.

EXECUTIVE YUAN COUNSELLOR

CHUNGKING, Dec. 5 (Central) — The National Government in a minute issued yesterday appoint-

ed Mr. Sun Hsiao-lou Counsellor of the Executive Yuan.

KASSALA SECTOR ACTIVITY

CAIRO, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — British patrols were again active to North and South Kassala inflicting

casualties on the enemy without loss to themselves, states yesterday's G.H.Q. communiqué.

There was no change in the situation on other fronts.

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Smart Police Work: Three Men Committed For Trial

SMART POLICE WORK PREVENTED WHAT MIGHT HAVE DEVELOPED INTO A SYSTEMATIC HOLDING UP OF TAXICABS and which resulted in three men being charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday on counts of robbery and attempted robbery by two or more.

The accused, LI CHING, 25, unemployed coolie, LI TSOI, 35, earth cooler, and LI SIM, alias LI KU-SIM, 31, unemployed, were alleged to have robbed Mak Shu-tong, taxi-driver, of 55 cents at Tai Hang Road on Nov. 19.

MADAME SUN FO TO OPEN CHARITY BAZAAR TODAY

What promises to be a function of considerable interest is the bazaar to be opened at 2.30 p.m. today in the Chinese Recreation Club at Causeway Bay by Mme. Sun Fo, wife of the President of the Legislative Yuan. This bazaar, organised by the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldier's Relief Association, is under the direction of Mrs. Rose Tan, chairman of the H.K.C.W.S.R.A., and a corps of helpers and there will be attractions and games for old and young.

The bazaar, which will continue for three days beginning this afternoon, will remain open from 2.30 to 11 p.m. today, tomorrow and on Sunday it will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

FUN IN PLENTY

Apart from a dozen kinds of amusements for children, tasty candies, tea and refreshments, fruits galore, beautiful flowers, etc., there will be stalls for woolens, and knitted garments, Chinese products, dolls and "dolls' cribs", children's clothes, curios and ancient and modern Chinese pictures, needlework, etc. Then the staff of the Sun Ying Ming Photographers' Studio will be on hand to give their services free of charge, while a professional fortune-teller will read one's hands and face and give the entire proceeds to the work of the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldier's Relief Association.

The Chung Shing Benevolent Society's Band has kindly consented to attend and to render musical selections during the three days of the bazaar.

It is hoped that the public will give the function its fullest support by digging deeper into their pockets and helping a very worthy cause. Incidentally, tickets which are being sold, may be exchanged for goods and one may be sure that one will obtain at this bazaar some very attractive bargains.

Rice Price Fixed By Government

The following order is made by Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipton, Controller of Food, in the Hongkong Government Gazette Extraordinary issued yesterday.

The maximum prices for the following grades of rice shall, until further notice, be as follows:

Grade No. 1	15 cents per catty.
Grade No. 2	15 cents per catty.
	71 cents for 5 catties.
Grade No. 3	14 cents per catty.
	68 cents for 5 catties.
Broken	12 cents per catty.
	58 cents for 5 catties.

EXPORTS PROHIBITED

The following notification was received from the office of the Colonial Secretary yesterday for publication:

"With reference to the Government Gazette Extraordinary published today, it is notified for general information that it is hoped that the measures for the limitation of retail prices of rice are purely temporary in view of the attempted raising of the wholesale price to an unwarrantable level by suppliers abroad. With a view to conservation of adequate stocks here the export of rice from the Colony is being prohibited meanwhile."

The Earl of Abingdon, Seymour-street, W., was fined £20 at Bow-street for permitting a light to be shown after dark from a bathroom window, the defence pleading that the house had been left in charge of junior servants.

During the first six months of rationing Battersea Borough Council received 1,152 applications for the replacement of lost ration books.

STRONG APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Repair Of Devastated Kunming Hospital

The Hui Tien Hospital, Kunming, was bombed recently by Japanese aircraft and rendered useless and \$40,000 is now urgently needed to build emergency accommodation of mud brick to resume its work.

This was revealed on Wednesday evening when a strong appeal for support of the campaign, which was recently launched in aid of the hospital, was made by Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, at a dinner of the St. John's University Alumni Association.

Dr. Yen stated that of the amount needed two-thirds have already been pledged by Hongkong individuals and public organisations, the Hongkong Chinese Bankers' Association having promised to contribute \$10,000, the Bank of China, \$5,000; while the Chinese Red Cross Society is to raise a handsome amount.

The Hui Tien Hospital is the only British Medical establishment on the Burma Road between Lashio and Chungking and is the largest in Yunnan and Kwachow.

FOREIGNER FOUND DEAD IN S'HAI

NO CLUES AS TO IDENTITY

West Honkong detectives were confronted with a mystery in Shanghai, on Nov. 28, following the discovery of a male foreigner in Lane 53 off North Kiangse Road at 1.30 a.m. The man was taken to the General Hospital in an emergency ambulance, but no aid was required as the man was dead.

The deceased appeared to be about 55 years of age, was slightly bald, with a gray moustache and a goatee beard. When discovered, he was wearing a checked gray coat, leather jerkin, gray gabardine trousers and brown boots.

NO CLUES

No clues as to his identity were found by the police, who, however, stated that he had a Union Jack emblem in the lapel of his coat. He was also tattooed on both arms. A dagger and heart were on the right arm, while a flower with "Union" crossed flags, a cross and figures 26-12-71 were on the left. The man was about six feet tall.

The tattoo marks and the Union Jack emblem led the detectives to believe that the deceased was a Briton, but his identity continued to remain a mystery. N.C.D.N.

CATTLE DEALER KIDNAPPED IN SHANGHAI

With one kidnapping case still unsolved in Shanghai, Bubbling Well station detectives were faced with another mystery on Nov. 28 when Tang Wu-sung, a cattle dealer, was carried away from a Chinese tea house at 65 Avenue Haig at about 7.30 a.m. reports the North China Daily News. This crime came close on the heels of the abduction of a four-year-old Chinese boy, who was taken away by gangsters.

The latest victim, a wealthy cattle dealer, is 37 years old and a native of Foochow. He resides at 1462/17 Avenue Edward VII. On Nov. 28, he was sipping tea at the Avenue Haig tea house when five armed men came up in a Taylor Garage hire car.

VICTIM SINGLED OUT

Telling the chauffeur to wait for them, the men entered the place where they intimidated the patrons with their guns and singled out their victim. They then left the tea house and ordered the chauffeur to drive to Yu Yuen Road.

When the latter hesitated, the kidnappers told him that they were from 76 Jeafford Road. At the corner of Yu Yuen and Tifeng Roads, the chauffeur was thrown out of the taxi, which sped along in a westerly direction, driven by one of the gang. The chauffeur went to the Bubbling Well police station immediately where he reported the case.

The taxi was later found in Yu Yuen Road, but no further developments in the case were reported yesterday.

GENERAL

Commercial Department Debate

ASIA'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS

An inter-class debate on the subject "That the economic progress of Asia depends more on America than on Europe," was held by the Commercial Department of the University yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Ratna Krikarai, senior, led the proposition with Mr. Yeung as seconder. Mr. Tang Sin-ken, junior, was the only opposition speaker since his seconder did not turn up at the last moment.

The proposition argued that Europe of today was torn by war and would forever be haunted by war, since the end of one war meant the preparation for another. Statistics were produced to show the obvious trend increasing reliance of the new, vigorous, and an awakening Asia on America for economic progress.

POLITICAL FACTORS

The opposer's refutation was based on historical background and political factors. America with its foreign policy of non-involvement in the politics of countries other than its own would never do, unless with the full co-operation of Russia and Great Britain, he said. Concluding, he livelihood, law and order, and institution of Asia, only Great Britain and other great European countries had the capacity to do so.

A straw vote was cast by the audience at the end of the debate, which resulted in 13-8 against the resolution.

Miss Archer and Prof. Robertson, of the Department, was present. Mr. Luk Man-hay was in the chair.

A.R.P. ORDERS

(Continued from Yesterday)

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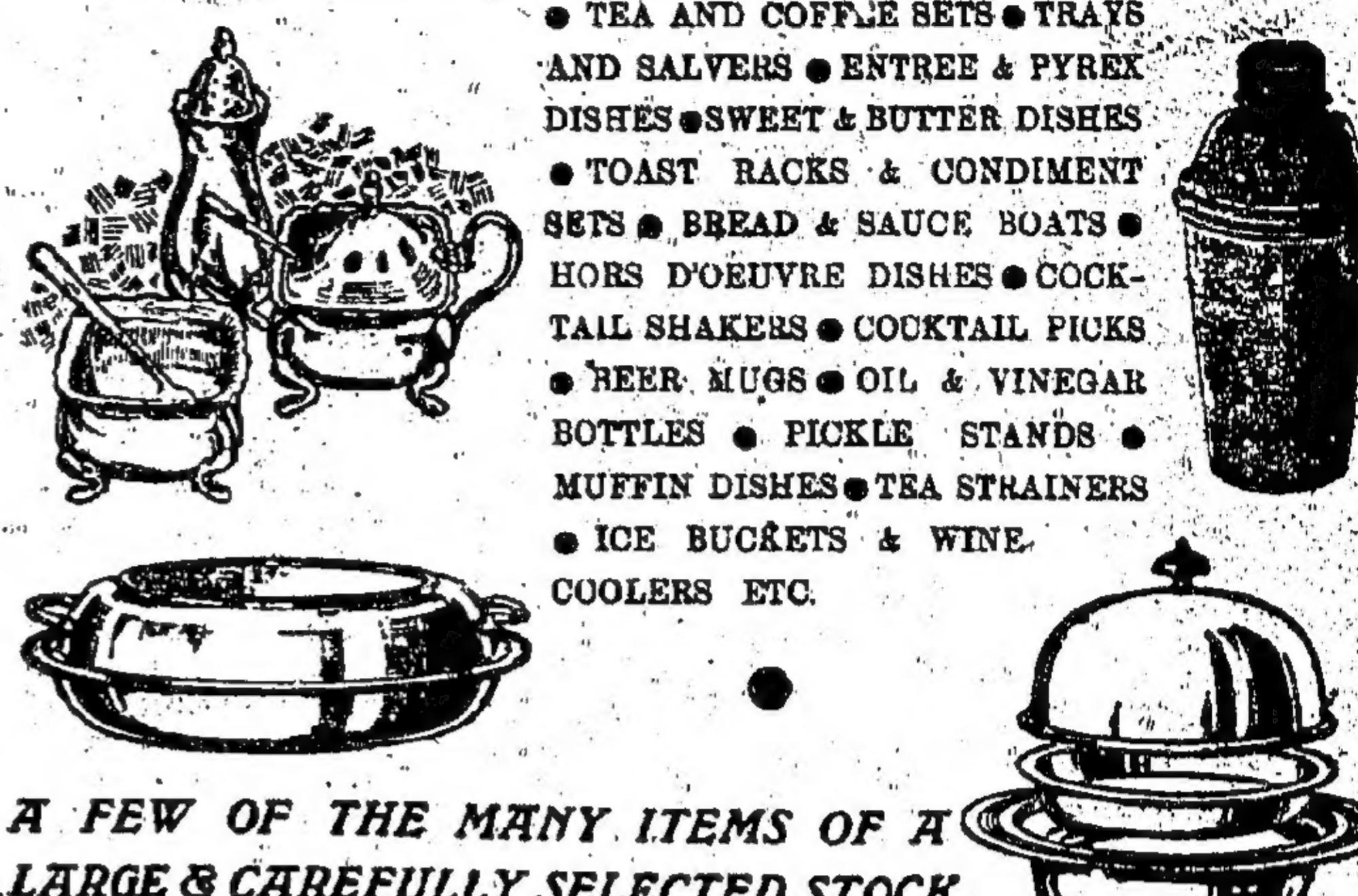
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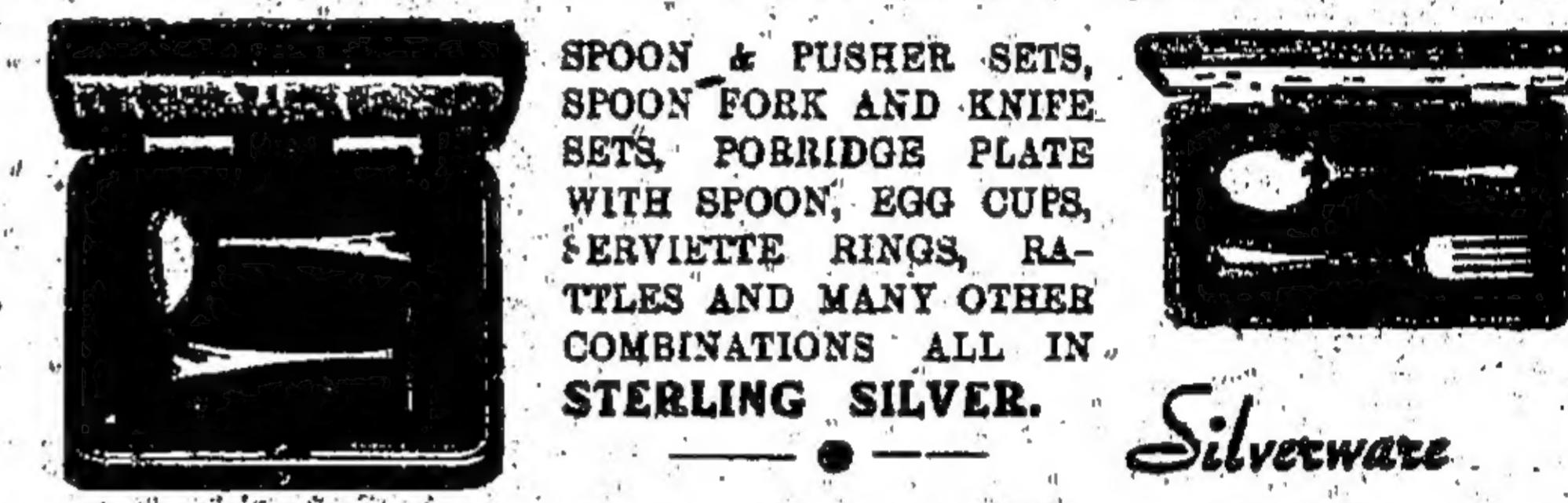
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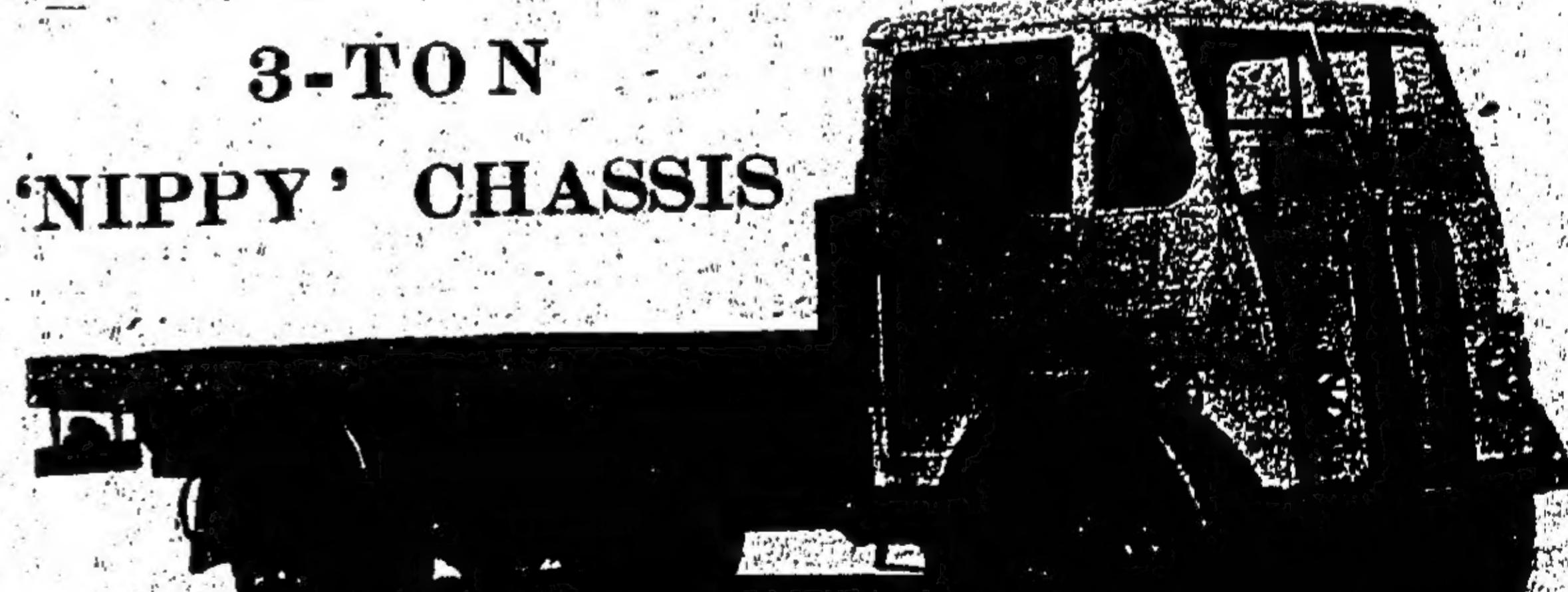
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PROFITEERING

THE REACTIONS of the public in Hongkong to the alarming increase in the price of rice locally show how seriously the problem is viewed by nearly every section of the community. The question everyone is asking is: Where is the justification for this increase in the price of a staple commodity when the Colony was assured not so long ago that there were sufficient stocks in the Colony to meet any emergency? The error that has been made appears to be that the question of control of food prices has, in the main, been solely directed towards imported canned goods, when only a relatively small proportion of the population in Hongkong depend on such commodities for their daily consumption. Even this control has given rise to a deal of profiteering, as retailers, who were previously selling below the control price, lost no time in increasing the prices on their stocks in hand to the level fixed by the controller. With no control so far over the price of rice, profiteers jumped at the first opportunity of filling their pockets at the expense of the poorest section of the population, as the soaring prices of the last few days has shown.

WITH THE EXPERIENCE of the 1925 rice riots before them, it is gratifying to learn that the Government is now devising a scheme for fixing the retail price of rice which, according to the Food Controller, "will be fair to all parties concerned." It is important that this scheme should be put into operation without loss of time and we have no doubt that the Government is well aware of its urgency. The difficulty with which the Government is faced seems to be in finding the necessary transportation for rice from Thailand and Indo-China, owing to the present uncertainty of the political situation in those countries. Rice dealers are apparently aware of this and are using it to an unscrupulous advantage. It is understood that the Government is studying means to enable the shipping of rice to be resumed from outside the Colony, but, in the meantime, strict price control will do much to alleviate the present distress.

RACKETEERING

HAND IN HAND with profiteering in the Colony—and incidentally this profiteering is also evident in other essentials, such as meat, pork, poultry and charcoal, to name just a few—goes racketeering. The present difficulties which the people of Hongkong are enduring in the matter of their daily existence and obedience to orders and restrictions imposed on them are providing the "squeeze" racketeers with glorious opportunities for continuing their nefarious methods. The ramp that is being operated now against those who daily crowd round the Immigration Office is a glaring example of the fine art to which this contemptible practice has been brought. This particularly obnoxious form of

NO CASE TO ANSWER:
CLAIM FOR KEROSENE
OIL DISMISSED

A claim for \$948, being the value of 330 tins of kerosene oil which plaintiffs alleged were wrongfully taken by the defendant and converted to her own use, was brought by the Man Hing Tai firm, of Shataukok, against Ko Lai-sang, woman, trading as the Yat Sang Cheung firm, also of Shataukok, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, appeared for the plaintiffs, while the defendant was represented by Mr. A. S. K. Lau.

Mr. Russ said that plaintiffs and defendant both carried on business at Shataukok, where they each had a shop on the British side of the border. The business of the defendant involved the ordering, on a small scale, of kerosene, whilst that of the plaintiffs also involved the ordering of kerosene but on a much larger scale.

After detailing two incidents which occurred before the present action, and in which, Mr. Russ said, plaintiffs had once seen defendant taking part of a consignment of kerosene belonging to them, and on another occasion when they had taken delivery of four tins of kerosene consigned to the defendant, Mr. Russ went on to say that these two incidents made the defendant very angry and that she threatened that she would take 100 tins of plaintiffs' kerosene for every one they took of hers.

VERY CROWDED

Mr. Russ went on to say that the kerosene were ordered from the A. P. Co., through their agents at Taipo—the Yee Wo firm—by the plaintiffs' agents, the Shun Cheung Tai firm. A truck was sent by the plaintiffs on April 3 to take delivery of the oil, and the truck arrived at Shataukok on April 4, which was a "fair" day and also the day before the Ching Ming festival. Shataukok was very crowded on that day.

The lorry driver, on arrival left the delivery chit on the desk in plaintiffs' premises, where it was overlooked. Defendant, noticing the large stock of kerosene on the truck with nobody taking delivery of it, got a few of her folks together and took delivery of the 300 tins. The lorry driver, who saw that they were Chiu Chow people—as were the plaintiffs—permitted them to remove the kerosene without asking them for the delivery chit.

When, after four or five days, plaintiffs found that the oil did not arrive they began to get suspicious. The accountant approached the defendant about the matter, but she denied all knowledge of the consignment. A kilogram also approached the defendant on behalf of the plaintiffs, as

the delivery chit was still in plaintiffs' premises.

Mr. Arthur G. Doyle, Far East Manager of 20th Century Fox Film Corporation, has arrived in Hongkong.

Mr. A. Alsobrook, Far Eastern representative of the Frederick Stearns & Co., Manila, has arrived in Hongkong.

Mr. Paul Malone, President of the American Biscuit Company, Manila, arrived here yesterday.

Mr. Harold Peck, of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., arrived here yesterday from Manila.

Mr. Jose Fernandez, Director for the Compania Maritima, Manila, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Manila.

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Mr. Hing Wan-chun, member of the Chinese Government Commission of Aeronautics, arrived in the Colony from Manila yesterday, with his family.

Continuing, Mr. Hadaway stressed that everyone in the world had his own code, but in living a theosophical life one should be broad-minded.

Mr. Hadaway said that it was only when we lived theosophy that we could be able to convince others of what we said.

Dr. A. Fung, President of the Society, presided.

Mr. William Fieldman, Asst.

Manager of Feitman Bros. juvenile

importers, embroidery manufacturer, has arrived in Hongkong en route to San Francisco.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be held on Friday, Dec. 20, at 5.15 p.m., in Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Board Room.

A pictorial review of Java was shown in the free show night of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last evening, which was well attended.

Mr. Paul Lutley, of the Passenger Department of the American President Lines, Manila, who is returning to the States for his home leave accompanied by Mrs. Lutley, passed through the Colony yesterday.

Mr. J. Barnum, Far Eastern representative of the Pabst Blue Ribbon Sales Co., who is leaving the Orient, passed through the Colony on home leave. He is travelling to San Francisco.

EDITORIAL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1940.

DARING
VILLAGE
ROBBERY

A daring robbery was carried out at Kam Tin on Sunday by a gang of six masked men armed with three revolvers and an iron bar. The robbers help up the village guards in the temple and stole from them money, a pistol, and five rounds of ammunition. They then broke into two other houses where they robbed the occupants of money and valuables to the total value of \$4570.

The gang remained in the village until 1 a.m. before they made good their escape. The robbery occurred about two miles from the Sheung Shui Police Station.

Man Hacked
To DeathANOTHER DIES IN
HOSPITAL

The premises of the Chung Hwa Book Company, No. 3, Gilman's Bazaar, was the scene of an alleged chopper attack early yesterday morning in which one man was hacked to death and another critically wounded.

The latter died in hospital at 11.45 a.m.

Neighbours heard a commotion and shouts of, "Save life!" The Police were summoned and, on arrival found the door locked from the outside and they had to force their way in.

The Police found a man, Woo Tung-chiu, 23, accountant of the firm, lying in a pool of blood. The victim's head was practically severed from the body and there were also other wounds.

Found also on the floor was another man, Wong Shu-kam, 19-year-old coolie employed by the company. Wong was alive but his condition was critical.

A blood-stained chopper, of the ordinary meat chopper type, was picked up on the scene. No arrests have been made.

LIVING THE
LIFE OF A
THEOSOPHISTLecture By Rev.
J. L. Hadaway

The Rev. J. L. Hadaway, who will leave for the United States shortly, gave a very interesting lecture on "Living the theosophical life" at the Theosophical Society last evening.

The speaker explained what is the theosophical life, how is it different from ordinary life, and methods of living it.

Referring to a theosophist's life, Mr. Hadaway said that the life characteristically led by the theosophist did not differ much in outward seeming from that of the man of the world.

Continuing, Mr. Hadaway stressed that everyone in the world had his own code, but in living a theosophical life one should be broad-minded.

Mr. Hadaway said that it was only when we lived theosophy that we could be able to convince others of what we said.

Dr. A. Fung, President of the Society, presided.

The Hon. Mr. Roland Arthur Charles North resumed duty as Secretary for Chinese Affairs with effect yesterday.

Mr. Herbert Tellman, U.S. Navy, who is travelling to San Francisco, accompanied by his wife and son, passed through Hongkong yesterday.

The returns of the two-day sale of work held jointly by the Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls and the Home for Blind Girls (Ebenezer House), which came to a close yesterday, netted about \$1,300 for the two institutions.

Thirty-five members of the Chinese Chemistry Society attended the monthly meeting of the Society in the form of a supper at Cafe Windsor last evening. Dr. Wong Sun-yin was chairman. The speaker was Mr. A. H. S. Skinn, metallurgical chemist of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. who is a member of the Society. He dwelt on the subject of steel ingot. Mr. Skinn was also present.

HELPING WAR EFFORT

Mobile Canteens For
London People Bombed
Out Of Their Homes

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The telegram from the Acting Governor, Hongkong, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, dated Oct. 4, 1940:

I am encouraged by the generosity shown by Colonial Governments to suggest for your consideration a further method of helping war effort which I hope will appeal to you particularly because of intimate link it will create between the Colonies and the public here.

Briefly, the proposal is that Colonial Governments should divert proportion of the funds either already subscribed or which they are proposing to contribute towards war effort, for the purchase of small mobile canteens for serving hot drinks and food to the people in London and other centres who have been bombed out of their homes or who during the coming winter will have to spend long anxious nights in shelter away from their homes.

The Ministry of Food are extremely keen to co-operate and each canteen provided by a Colonial Government would bear prominently the name of the Colony (or some suitable local name if preferred). All possible publicity will be given and I know the form of help more than almost any other will serve to keep the name of the Colonies before the public and remind them vividly of the interest taken and the generous help given by the Colonies in time of trial.

The type of canteen to be used is at present under discussion. No details of cost are available but might range from approximately £185 to £1,000 dependent on the type finally chosen. If this idea appeals to you, as I very much hope it will, please let me know as early as possible and, in the meantime any funds you are able to remit will be used to the best possible advantage.

LLOYD

Speech Competition
At H.K. University

On Monday, Dec. 9, the Hongkong University Arts Association will hold a Speech Competition in order to encourage oratory among the students.

The competition will commence at 8.30 p.m. in the Tang Chi Yung Building, Hongkong University.

The judges will be Professor R. K. M. Simpson, M.C., M.A. the Rev. Father G. Byrne, S.J. and Mr. George She, M.A.

N.T. Relief Assn.
Monthly Returns

The New Territories Relief Association report for the month of November shows that a total of 14,122 cases were treated, during the period under review, of which new cases totalled 4,337.

Ambulance No. 4158 and No. 1735 made 98 and 22 calls respectively, the number of patients carried totalling 152.

The Outpatients Department of the Haw Par Station treated 1,157 cases, new cases numbering 371. Inpatients at Cheung Chau numbered 73 (seven infants, 40 adults and 26 maternity cases).

T. Johnson, Mr. E. Koch, Mrs. E. Koch, Mr. D. Minton, Mrs. E. Parker, Mrs. M. Porter, Mr. W. Parker, Miss M. Parker, Mr. R. Walker, Mrs. M. Williams.

FOR MANILA

Passengers for Manila by a Dutch liner, which left yesterday, were Mr. C. Anazawa, Mr. P. Bioga, Mr. E. N. Goetzschel, Mr. W. Hewitt, Mr. J. E. Horton, Mr. E. G. Muller, Rev. A. O. Petrik, Mr. C. Rochford-Boyd and Mr. R. Rochford.

The ship is also carrying some 50 deportees from Macao for Manilla en route to Minorca.

Passenger for Singapore by another Dutch vessel, which left yesterday, were Mr. G. Devonshire, Mr. D. Dryden, Capt. G. George, Mr. G. Eaton, Mrs. E. Johnson, Mr. E. Parker and Mr. H. H. Park.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Open Price		
N. S.	E.	W.	N. S.	E.	W.	N. S.	E.	W.
Inland Lot 101	No. 6076	North West of Inland Blue Pool Road.	As per sale plan	About 31,000	470	12,400		

WEDDING CEREMONY
AT REGISTRY

The wedding between Mr. Tam Tack-on, member of the staff of Messrs. Wainer and Co., and residing at 18 Gage Street, and Miss Kwan Chung-kuo, student, of 72 Peel Street, took place yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court. Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:

Mr. Lin Yueh-ning, staff of the Foo Shing Trading Corp., residing at 41 Hillwood Road, Kowloon, and Miss Liu Yueh-chen, teacher, of 39 Wong-nai-chong Road, Happy Valley.

Mr. Liu Kai-yan, clerk, of 174 Yee Kok Street, Shamshui Po, and Miss Chan Hon-yung of 120 Apilu Street, Shamshui Po.

The wedding took place on Nov. 28 at the British Consulate-General, Shanghai, of Mr. J. W. Chapman, of the China Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Chapman of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, and Miss Lydia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Honky of Shanghai. The bride's attendant was Miss E. A. Rodgers, Mr. C. Ashworth was bestman and Mr. G. H. Gifford was witness.

Rockbottom Character Of British Soldier Remains The Same

EDUCATION STANDARD HIGHER: PHYSIQUE IMPROVED

Whatever differences there may be between the British Army of 1914 and the British Army of 1940, the rock-bottom character of the men remains the same," said MAJOR E. HASTINGS, a well-known military expert, when he spoke in London yesterday on the course and prospects of the war.

Pirates Take Cargo Valued At \$20,000

INCIDENT NEAR WAGLAN

Cargo to the total value of \$20,000 was stolen by armed pirates inside British waters yesterday morning, according to a report made to the Police by Li Chau, master of trading junk No. T5180H.

The attack occurred about 1 a.m. near Waglan Lighthouse where three Hoklo junks drew alongside and fired a few shots at the trading craft.

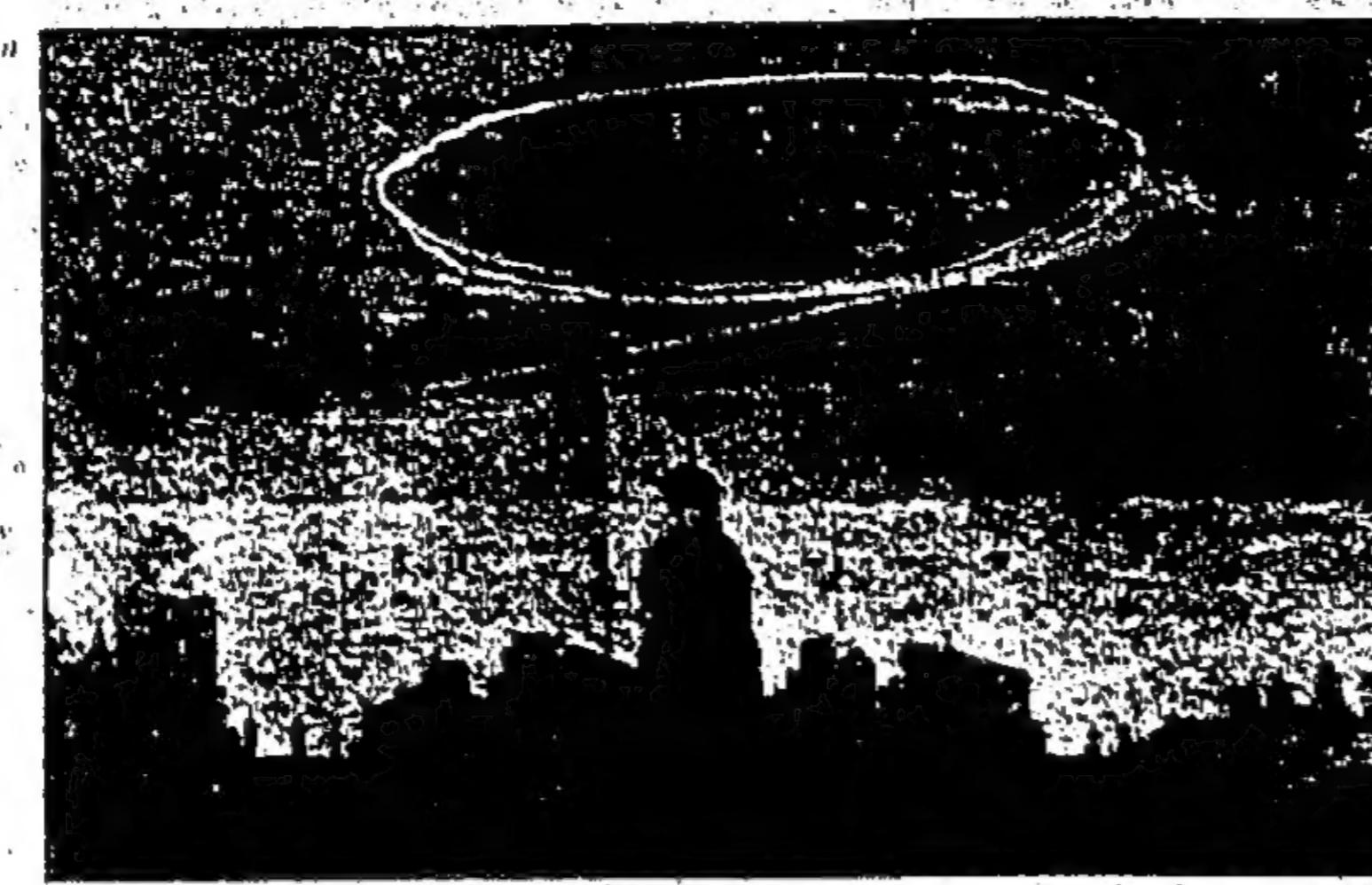
The pirates sailed the junk to Po Tsui Island where the master, a cargo owner and the crew were put ashore.

The victims were picked up by a passing junk and brought back to the Colony.

ANOTHER ATTACK

Another junk master, Sin King-fuk of No. T4791H, has reported that his junk was attacked by six robbers' sampans off Cheung Sha Village, Luk Fung district, outside of Colony waters and a cargo, including 240 sacks of rice, an anchor, length of wire and clothing, to the total value of \$4,000, was taken. The robbers were armed with rifles.

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Tracks of British fighters and German bombers fighting high over London during recent daylight raids.

New C.-In-C. Far East To Visit Hongkong

Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, the newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Far East, is to visit Hongkong shortly to inspect the defences, according to a Reuter message from Singapore. Sir Robert later expects to visit Australia and New Zealand.

In an interview with the Singapore Free Press, Sir Robert stated that reinforcements of men and material were continuing to arrive in the British possession in the Far East, making Britain's strength more complete.

Sir Robert disclosed that before leaving England, he was told by Mr. Churchill Britain would hold Singapore no matter what happened and Sir Robert could rest assured "there will be a continuous and steady flow of men and munitions to the countries in my command and that he is sparing no effort to make Singapore and other British countries in East Asia as strong and as well defended as possible."

Britain And S. America

IMPORTANT EVENT IN RELATIONS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—Although the British Trade Mission to South America has only been here for four days, it has already met with great success and the visit has come to be regarded as one of the most important events in the history of British relations with South America.

Businessmen are so anxious to meet members of the Mission, that they queued up for tickets for today's lunch given by the British Chamber of Commerce, when 700 British and Argentine businessmen and Argentine officials will meet the visitors.

BABY ALLEGEDLY THROWN FROM TOP FLOOR

A three-month-old boy, Lo Weitun, was thrown from the top of No. 76, Marble Road, Shaukiwan, about 6 p.m. yesterday allegedly by his father, Lo King-yu, 32, of Nam Ho.

The boy was seriously injured and was found to be dead on arrival at the hospital.

The father has been arrested, according to a Police report.

S'hai Share Record

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—Japanese artillery on the north bank of the Sintang River in north Hunan shelled the Chinese positions in the neighbourhood on the morning of Dec. 1. Chinese guns replied and destroyed a Japanese observation post.

Fighting has flared up again in north Kiangsu. Japanese troops based at Hsiaochi pushed south while those based at Paoying drove north. They met with strong Chinese resistance.

Japanese sailing out from Kaoyu in steam and wooden boats were attacked by the Chinese. Three steam boats and several wooden boats were sunk. The Japanese fled back to Kaoyu.

VIGOROUS CHINESE ATTACK IN ICHANG

JAP. OBSERVATION POST DESTROYED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 5 (Central)—Chinese troops unleashed a vigorous attack against the Japanese on the south bank of Ichang, upper Yangtze port on Hupan, on Nov. 30, exacting a heavy toll of lives.

On the same day several Chinese columns launched simultaneous attacks at Tachai in the Ichang sector. Breaking through the Japanese barbed-wire entanglements they challenged the Japanese to hand-to-hand fighting. Japanese casualties were heavy.

On the north Yangtze bank Japanese troops made an attack at Nanjingwan under a protective fire.

RICE PRICES CRITICISED

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Rice is usually bought by the picul, by those able to afford it, or by the dollar by the majority of the working class, when it fixed the prices at so much per catty or so much per five catties. Nobody, excepting the very poor, ever buys rice by the catty, went on the informant, and to quote affords the retailer an exceptional opportunity of squeezing on every dollar's worth sold.

For instance: In the case of Grades 1 and 2, quoted at 15 cents per catty, one should get 6 catties, 10 taels, 10 and point six mace to a dollar. The weight given by the retailer would be 6 catties and 10 taels—at the very most!

Unless Government fixes a heavy penalty for selling above the fixed prices, the retailer will set the Government ruling at naught, said one of those interviewed.

And, he went on to ask, what is there to prevent the retailer from "fixing" his scales? And will there be any Government officials going around to see that the prices are being adhered to, as in the case of the tinned provisions when several leading stores were fined for selling at above the fixed prices?

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"A free and uncorrupted people readily obeys the leaders whom it trusts, simply because it judges them trustworthy and, so long as it retains intelligence, impartiality, and self-command, repudiates alike the inefficient, the immoral, and the self-seeking."

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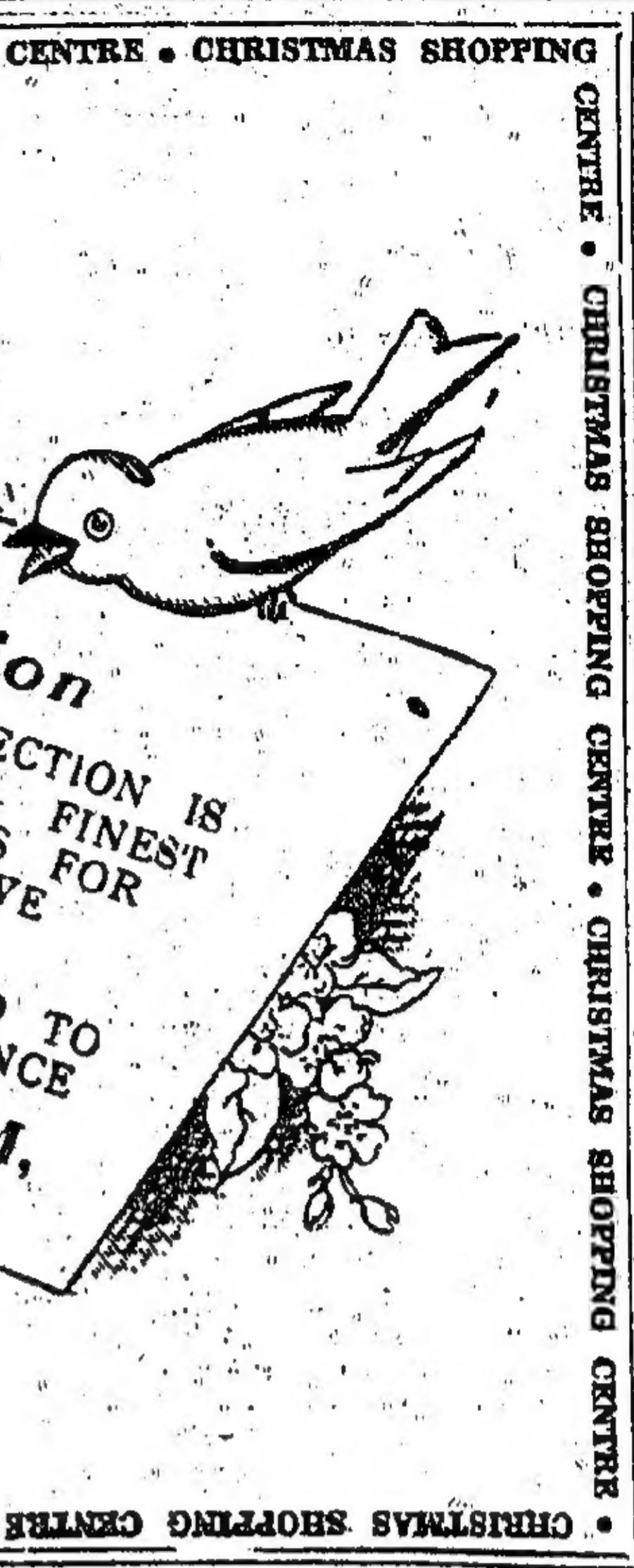
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"It is Hitler's oft-repeated boast that he is bringing back discipline to a world dissolved and disintegrated by democracy. That is his mission, symbolized by jackboots and whips. Yet it is a mission which cannot simply be dismissed with contempt," says the Church Times.

"When the ordering of their choice as beyond their individual affairs is taken out of men's own dual capacity to accomplish, hands, and entrusted to dictators. They entrust authority to select or to dictatorial junta, the only rulers, to act as instruments of justification of the dictation, is the common wisdom and the common knowledge, better what is, are not arbitrariness and violence, good, for the average man, and but reason and responsibility; reason, better how to bring it about, son, because of the faith that the that the master minds of the right practical courses for society that the can be impartially ascertained;

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Conserving Petrol

PART OF WAR EFFORT

"We are at war, and the conservation of petrol is a most important part of Australia's war effort," said the Minister of Supply, Sir Frederick Stewart, commenting on a report that Sir Earle Page proposed to move for the disallowance of the petrol rationing regulations.

"That is my answer to Sir Earle Page and others who, for various reasons, mostly selfish, are associating themselves with him in this matter," he added.

"Both the Government and myself have been severely criticised for our reluctance to bring petrol under control at a much earlier date."

"Great Britain's capacity to draw upon outside sources to supplement her own great munitions effort will be imperilled if the constituent parts of the Empire are not prepared to impose some restriction on their oversea expenditure."

"Every million pounds spent by Australia for foreign petrol means one million pounds worth less of vital equipment available for the defence of London, and when London is being defended Australia is being defended."

"It is clear, therefore, that whether the impelling motive be political or personal, those who are now so roundly criticising the Government's action in regard to petrol control are, wittingly or otherwise, doing a disservice to the Empire's war effort."

LICENCES ISSUED

Sir Frederick said that the chairman of the Central Control Board had assured him on Friday that all applications for licences, except few that required special investigation, had been dealt with and the licences issued. Provision had been made for special action in respect of remote areas, to overcome the possibility of any inconvenience.

It was only natural to expect that quite a number of appeals would be made against the allotted ration, some of these being because of insufficient information on the original application, and others because of special circumstances which merited special treatment.

The Central Control Board had, however, vested in the State Boards complete power and authority to exercise wide discretion in order that inconvenience might be reduced to an absolute minimum. Any person who was dissatisfied with the ration allotted to him had the right of appeal for review, and the Control Boards had been asked to make the greatest effort to ensure prompt dealing with all such appeals.

However inconvenient and even annoying petrol rationing might be, it represented only a small contribution by Australia towards the supreme effort now being required of their kinmen in other parts of the world.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions

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Friday, the 6th December, 1940

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A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

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Teakwood Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Chests of Drawers, Sideboards, Dinner Wagons, Dining Tables, Chairs, Hatstands, Chesterfield Suites, Office Furniture, etc., etc.

Cutlery, Curios, Ornaments, Brass Fenders and Fire Brasses, Electric Lamps, Heaters, Ceiling and Table Fans, Looking Glasses, Mirrors, Gramophones, Records, Porcelain and Glass Ware, Pictures, Tea Sets, etc., etc.

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23 Volumes of "Encyclopaedia Britannica"

3 Tlentsin Carpets and Rugs

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1 "Gibson" Refrigerator

1 Enlarger

1 "Agfa" Cine Projector 16 mm

1 Radio Set

1 Piano by "Moutrie"

1 Piano by "Allison"

On View from Thursday, the 5th December, 1940.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.Chinese Preparations
For Large-Scale Offensive

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — The Chinese press reports that the Chinese High Command is reversely preparing for a large-scale general offensive next spring.

More than 500 trucks recently arrived from America are now stated to be rushing military supplies to the northern and south sea fronts.

Every effort is being made to provide the Chinese forces in all areas with adequate quantities of war material.

WAR OFFICE MAY BAN TREATING

The War Office is giving further consideration to the question of making a "no treating" order, similar to that introduced during the last war.

Service men themselves have complained of being embarrassed by members of the public, who insist on "treating" them and take offence if they decline drinks.

To avoid a scene, the men often drink glasses of beer which they do not want.

Certain executive officers at the War Office are in favour of the imposition of a "no treating" order.

PLEA TO PUBLIC

But there are difficulties in the method of administering it, as it is likely in some cases to result in hardship on licensees.

As a compromise an announcement may be made shortly appealing to the public to refrain from purchasing drinks on servicemen.

Licenses will be asked to use their influence by declining to serve drinks when they consider men have had enough.

The "doping" of soldiers in public houses is also to be tackled.

It will be one of the first jobs of the new squad of Scotland Yard officers which has been assigned to the War Office.

It is not suggested that soldiers

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS
AT CENTRAL

LATEST GIFTS FOR PURCHASE OF SPITFIRES

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — The latest gift for Spitfires is an unusual one—it comes from the Italians themselves! In recent raids on enemy positions in Africa, soldiers of the Gold Coast Brigade found someира which the Italians had left behind.

This money has now been sent to a "Spitfire" fund.

Other gifts include the purchase price of three "Spitfires" from a Newfoundland fund.

The British community in the Argentine has sent £25,000 for the purchase of aircraft for the Fleet Air Arm.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX

In Trinidad, an excess profits tax is to be imposed on companies so that more monetary aid can be sent to Britain.

This tax, says the Governor of Trinidad, will be used to increase contributions to the British Government's special naval and military services from £200,000 to £280,000 a year, and to make a further special gift of £52,000 to Britain.

COOLIE BOUND OVER

Cheng Man-wong, 25, house coolie, was bound over in a personal bond of \$50 for six months when he appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday on remand.

Cheng was charged with stealing \$40 from his brother, Cheng Yee-sheung, coal boy, at No. 19 Leighton Hill Road on Nov. 30.

Det. Sgt. J. Bentley, who prosecuted, stated that Mr. Davis was willing to take defendant back into employment.

AT KOWLOON

ATTEMPTED EXTORTION

Wong Kan, 23, was charged before Mr. E. Hinsworth yesterday with impersonating a Police officer and with attempted extortion of \$5 from a hawker, Tsang Han.

It was stated that the complainant was walking along Temple Street, near Public Square Street, about 3 a.m. on Monday when two men came up to him, one holding him by the hand, the other flashing a torch light on his face. The defendant told Tsang that he was a Police officer and had to take the complainant to the Police Station.

He remarked that complainant had to pay \$5 bail at the Police Station and asked the latter whether he rather paid him the money or go to the Station.

A policeman on duty in the vicinity came to the scene and the complainant told him what was happening and the defendant was arrested.

The accused was fined \$200 or three weeks on the first charge and six months on the second charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

DOCTOR VICTIMISED

Sentence of three months' imprisonment followed by expulsion, was imposed by Mr. Hinsworth yesterday on Fok Ping, 17, for larceny of \$681.77 Hongkong currency and Ys.48.75, by servant and for larceny of \$22 from No. 10 Ashley Road.

Defendant was employed by Dr. S. Kara as a servant. In the absence of the employer, the defendant stole the money and some private papers on Wednesday. The

master was suspicious of it, but after having been assured by the accused, handed over the change of \$9.80. Later he found out that the note was a forgery and told his son to look out for the defendant if he should appear again.

Two days later about the same time the defendant came to take his meal again. When he finished he was alleged to have produced another forged \$10 note. On seeing that it was a forgery, the master asked him to have it changed. The defendant said that he had none and was arrested. It was alleged that the accused tried to escape when the note was found to be a forgery.

After evidence given by Mr. Lat Centre of the Kowloon branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who testified that the notes were forgeries and by other witnesses, the defendant was committed for trial.

The defendant denied that he was the one who produced the forged note on the first occasion and said that he had no knowledge that the note was a forgery.

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED

Hearing of the case, in which Tam Kam-ju, wireless operator, was charged with possession of a transmitting wireless set at No. 93, Prince Edward Road, was concluded before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday.

RAFID EFFECT

One method is to add whisky or other spirit to the soldier's beer when he is not looking.

Another is to drop cigarette ash in his glass.

Many Canadians have been victims of these "tranks."

Bear sold in London has a much more rapid effect on Canadians than on mea from any other part of the Empire.

It is sometimes several days before the victims recover.

If they are only on short leave they are liable to punishment—stoppage of PAY, cancellation of future leave, and loss of other privileges—when they return late weeks in prison.

GENERAL

JAPANESE IN HAWAII CAUGHT BETWEEN U.S. & TOKYO POLICIES

HONOLULU, T. H., Nov. 29.—Hawaii, scarcely known to the United States' founding fathers, rapidly was becoming today perhaps the most vital testing ground of their constitutional theories, with immense consequence to American policy in the Pacific.

The question involved, fundamentally, is whether this rich territory, strongly fortified and guarded will continue to function as a solid unit despite a population consisting of more than one-fourth Japanese.

Relations between Japan and the United States now are considered the most strained in history.

The United States fleet has been based in Hawaiian waters for seven months, and commanding officers indicate it will remain there indefinitely. Its presence is a symbol of the urgent necessity that lies behind the diplomatic policies of Washington and Tokyo.

PECULIAR PROBLEMS

To the Japanese in Hawaii, alien or citizen, the situation presents peculiar and distressing problems. They regard them as American as any racial segment of the United States—perhaps more so. It is to be remembered that Japan at home for decades has been patterning life after the western mode, adopting western dress, movies, automobiles and speech.

The Hawaii's white business leaders unqualifiedly stand by the proven loyalty of Japanese-Americans.

They regard them as American as any racial segment of the United States—perhaps more so. It is to be remembered that Japan at home for decades has been patterning life after the western mode, adopting western dress, movies, automobiles and speech.

The Mysore War Fund has sent £1,500 to the Lord Mayor of London's air-raid distress fund.

larceny of \$22 was committed on the previous day.

THEFT OF BICYCLE

Convicted of larceny of a push bicycle outside No. 7, Saigon Street, Wat Ping-chiu, 21, was fined \$10 or, in default, 14 days' hard labour by Mr. A. N. Macfadyen yesterday.

Sgt. Alexander prosecuted.

LEARNER DRIVERS FINED

Two learner drivers, Ho Kit, of No. 25, Austin Road, and Ho Chia-fan, were summoned before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday for driving in a road other than specified in their licences.

Each of the accused was fined \$5.

COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

Lei Yat-chung was charged before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday with uttering two forged \$10 notes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on two different occasions and with possession of unregistered Japanese war bonds.

Most of the Japanese businesses and land holdings are in the hands of the older generation. They consequently view the present situation with definite fear.

To their children the problem is far more acute. Americans, they find themselves suspected by outsiders and crudely lumped with Orientals not eligible for citizenship. Under the traditionally

Japanese home authorities whereby Japanese citizenship is retained by all persons of Japanese ancestry whose birth is registered with Japanese consular or diplomatic representatives.

TWO EVENTS

Two events served to place Hawaii's Japanese in an uncertain state within the last year: the United States abrogated the 1911 amity and commerce treaty, and the securities and exchange commission forbade Hawaii Japanese purchases of unregistered Japanese war bonds.

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Thus, Hawaii's Japanese find themselves caught between Tokyo and Washington diplomatic, military and naval policies, heading for a definite showdown.

Nazi Economic Domination Is Challenged

ANGLO AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — The Anglo-Turkish financial agreement is not only of commercial but also of political significance and is, in fact, a challenge to the British Government to German economic domination in the Balkans, writes Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

It is believed possible that Germany may put forward a tempting commercial proposition to Turkey but the agreement should prevent her ever getting her old economic predominance over Turkey.

Up to now geographic and economic relations have resulted in Turkey conducting about 50 per cent of her total trade with Germany and less than ten per cent with the United Kingdom.

There is no doubt that in the future, economic domination by Germany, with its desirable political implications, will be effectively challenged.

BRITISH LOAN TO CHINA?

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — Close on the heels of America's recent \$150,000,000 loan to China the British Government is reported to be considering a \$20,000,000 credit to China, according to Chinese press despatches this morning.

Previously Britain had granted China's \$2,000,000 loan.

Another Chinese report says negotiations for a huge loan from Britain to Russia are proceeding smoothly.

Death Sentence On Nine Poles

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — Nine Poles were sentenced to death at Poznan in German-occupied Poland, states a German wireless.

With 29 others they were charged with committing acts of violence against the Germans.

The remainder were sentenced to long terms of hard labour and imprisonment.

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Rumania's Lost Control: Discussion In Commons

LONDON, Nov. 29.—The position of Rumania, the German attitude toward Petain's France and the lease of bases to the United States, were among the questions which came up for discussion today during a busy session of the House of Commons.

Defining the position in regard to Rumania, the undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. E. A. Butler, said that within the last few months, "the Rumanian government have, on their own admission, invited German troops to enter Rumania. During that period, German troops have been arriving in increasing numbers."

"**FINCHED** BY NAZIS

"These concentrations of enemy troops in a nominally neutral country have obliged the British Government to regard the Rumanian Government as being no longer in full control of their own country, or its foreign policy."

Asked whether it were true that the Germans had "pinched" (stolen) all the material which the British had supplied to Rumania, Mr. Butler replied, amidst laughter: "I think they have pinched as much as they can."

WON'T ACCEPT NAZI PLAN

The Foreign Undersecretary also intimated that the British minister to Rumania remained there in order to protect certain British interests.

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Finance and Commerce

NEW U.S. ASSISTANCE TO BRITAIN IMMINENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — Important new American moves to help Britain appeared imminent yesterday as the Secretaries of at least three government departments gave indication of further aid being under immediate consideration.

Mr. Jesse Jones, Secretary of the latest conference and Sir Commerce and Federal Loan Administrator, said that Britain was a "good risk."

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury revealed that Sir Frederick Phillips, Under-Secretary of H.M. Treasury, was arriving to meet Treasury officials.

Simultaneously, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, told a press conference that government was giving consideration to all phases of the shipping question in connexion with aid for Britain.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE

Observers had sensed something in yesterday's special conference which brought nine of the most important government officials together. Three similar extraordinary meetings have been called of recent months and it is notable that a major step to aid Britain followed each one.

The first meeting preceded the sale of destroyers, the second preceded facilities for Britain to increase her air force orders by 12,000 planes, and the third preceded the release of Flying Fortresses for sale to Britain.

The financing of Britain appeared to be the dominant subject at

that might as well do it again."

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Report	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	THURSDAY 5 DEC.		Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
					Banks	Bills				
\$1275	H.K. Banks
...	Do. (Col. Reg.)
...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)
...	Chartered Banks
925	Mercantile Bks. "A"
...	Mercantile Bks. "C"
...	Bank of East Asia
...	N. C. & S. Banks	10 st.
...	Insurances
...	Canton Insurances
...	Union Insurances
...	Underwriters
...	H.K. Fire
...	Shipping
...	Douglas
...	Steamboats
...	Indo-Chinas (Prot.)
...	Indo-Chinas (Def.)
...	Shells
...	Waterboats
...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.
...	H.K. & E. Wharves
...	Providence
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	\$16.65
...	H.K. Docks (New)	\$16.15
...	Shanghai Docks
...	Mining
...	Kailan
...	Rafts
...	Hong Kong Mines
...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings
...	H.K. & S. Hotels	\$2.30
...	H.K. Lands
...	Do. 4% Debentures
...	Shanghai Lands
...	H.K. Realities
...	Humphrey Estates
...	Chinese Estates
...	Cotton Mills
...	Ewo (B.)
...	S'hal Cottons (S.)
...	Zoong Sings (S.)
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)
...	Public Utilities
...	H.K. Tramways	\$16.85
...	Peak Trams (old)
...	Peak Trams (new)
...	Star Ferries
...	China Lights (O.)
...	China Lights (New)
...	H.K. Electric (Old)
...	H.K. Electric (New)
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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS DECEMBER 5, 1940.

On London:	Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8
	Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:	
On demand	380
On Singapore:	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:	
On demand	103
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer and demand	82 1/2
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 1/4	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24	
On Batavia:	
On demand	43 1/2
On Paris:	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:	
On demand	101
On Manila:	
On demand	46 1/2
On Bangkok:	
On demand	148 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	82 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Dec. 5. Silver prices rose yesterday, to the extent of 1/8 for Ready and 1/16 for Forward, the quotations being 22.15/16 for both deliveries. Silver advices reported the market as being steady with a small business done. American Silver was quoted at 34.3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402.1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403.1/2.

MARKET

Steady.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/8 December/January, buyers at 47.81/82 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Were steadier with sellers at 23.5/8 for Cash; buyers at 23.11/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was arranged early in the morning at 395.1/2 followed by transactions at 394.1/2 and 394, closing with sellers at 394, buyers at 394.1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling for Spot at 3.51/64 and closed with sellers at 3.13/16 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers for Spot at 5.31/32 and closed with sellers at 6 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December/January, buyers at 1/3.1/3/3 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

There were sellers at 23.5/8 for Cash, buyers at 23.11/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was arranged at 393.1/2 and 393. The market closed with sellers at 392.1/2, buyers at 393.1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

3.13/16 for Sterling at U. S. Dollars at 8, both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 5 (Thursday).

Official T.T. Rates

Opening 9/3-11/16

London 5-3/4

New York 24-3/8

Japan 20-3/8 N

Hongkong 24-1/2

Sterling

Sellers: Opening 0/3-5/1/04 0/3-13/16

Dec. 0/3-5/1/04 0/3-13/16

Jan. 0/3-25/32 0/3-5/1/04

U. S. Dollars

Spot 65-81/32 \$6

Dec. 5-31/32 6

Jan. 5-15/16 6-31/32

Market: Quiet but steady.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

The Equalisation rate was 214 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 4 (Reuters). T.T. on Japan 81-1/4

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 4 (Reuters). Bar Gold, Fine per oz. 168/-

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW (FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 4, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous	Dec. 4	Change
S P O T	38-3/8	38-1/2	up 1/8
JAN-MARCH	37-5/8	37-3/4	up 1/4
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/4	36-3/8	up 1/4

The market was very steady.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous close	Today's close	Change
buyers	buyers	Change	
11-13/16	11-7/8	up 1/16	

The market was very steady.

S. P. O. T.	High	Low	Close	Change

The market was very steady.

FEBRUARY	High	Low	Close	Change

The market was very steady.

APRIL-JUNE	High	Low	Close	Change

The market was very steady.

JULY-SEPT.	High	Low	Close	Change

The market was very steady.

NEW YORK COTTON	High	Low	Close	Change

There has been an increase in the movement of cotton into the loan and an improvement in spot sales is reported. The market today ruled quiet but steady.

NEW YORK BUBBLE	High	Low	Close	Change

Apprehension over the possibility of freight increases steadied prices throughout the session.

NEW YORK HIDES	High	Low	Close	Change

Further spot sales are reported to be negotiated at advancing prices. Selling of futures was well taken.

NEW YORK STOCKS	High	Low	Close	Change

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SOUTH AMERICA (WEST COAST) via Hilo & San Francisco.
AZUMA MARU (starts from Kobe) Friday, 20th Dec.
NEW YORK via Japan & Panama Monday, 8th Dec.
ASAKA MARU Saturday, 28th Dec.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila Saturday, 28th Dec.
ATUTA MARU via Singapore & Colombo.
OKITU MARU Friday, 6th Dec.
ONO MARU Wednesday, 11th Dec.
RANGOON & CALUTTA via Singapore Thursday, 12th Dec.
LIMA MARU Saturday, 28th Dec.
MATUMOTO MARU Sunday, 1st Dec.
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SANTI QUARANTA IN SHADOW OF GREEK ARTILLERY

Intense Fighting Around Pogradetz: Heights Taken

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—The advance of the Greeks to within one and a half miles of the Albanian supply port of Santi Quaranta is one of their most notable achievements for it was from here that the Italians first drove them back till the fighting raged 15 miles inside Greece.

The Greeks then rallied and in the last three weeks have steadily driven the Fascists back to where they started and Greek guns now command the port and Greek infantry units are on its flanks.

Further inland, but still near the coast, the Greeks all day have closed the coast. The Italian grip on is relentless on Santi Quaranta. Argyrocastron is being steadily North of Argyrocastron. Italian loosened. The Greeks have taken troops today left behind from Premetzi towards Elissos and Tripe city and the Italian position is held. They were being harried by aircraft while Greek land forces already very near Premetzi yesterday morning continued to move forward.

Heavy snow is falling in the north, but even here the Greeks are still advancing.

The Greek High Command announced that new heights have been taken around Pogradetz following intense fighting some of the Italians are withdrawing westwards to St. Eustis which is only some 35 miles from the coast.

Athens message says that an Italian counter-attack near Lake Ochrida has been repulsed. The Greeks taking a large number of prisoners.

ITALIANS HARRED

ATHENS, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—The net result of Greek operations of the last 36 hours has been to iron out the number of "pockets" and bring the Greek line into a broad egg-shaped curve across southern Albania.

RESPONSIVE papers note however warn against over-optimism saying that "a bigger battle lies ahead."

YOUTHS CALLED UP

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—It was learned yesterday that Italy has started to call up to the Colours her youths of 19 and only priests and men already in the Fascist Militia and police will be exempted.

R.A.F. SUCCESSES

CAIRO, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—Further R.A.F. successes over Albania were announced here yesterday. Reports received confirm that in addition to the two aircraft destroyed by R.A.F. fighters and bomber formations to Albania on Monday, two other enemy aircraft were also destroyed.

The British Embassy in Washington quickly "advised" Sir George to go back to Britain as fast as he could get there.

Isolationist Senators took advantage of Sir George's remarks to demand an investigation of all British propagandists in the U.S.

The State Department and the FBI promised to look into Sir George's activities. A member of the Embassy staff told the Washington Post: "We wish someone would drop Sir George Paish over Germany as a pamphlet."

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